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ATTENTION: **EXAMINER DR. KANDASAMY THANGAVELU**

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Re: **SERIAL NO. 09/578,095 FILED 6/26/00**

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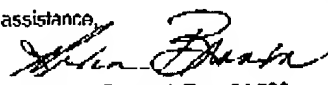
In our telephone conversation this morning you stated that the Petition to Withdraw the Finality of an Office Action had not yet been received by the US Patent Office. We are faxing all papers mailed with a Certificate of Mailing on May 4, 2004 to your attention as follows:

- (1) Transmittal letter addressed to Mr. Allen MacDonald (1 page)
- (2) Petition to Withdraw the Finality of an Office Action under 37 CFR 1.181 (3 pages)
- (3) Office action dated September 25, 2003 (Exhibit A) (30 pages)
- (4) Amendment from Applicant dated December 18, 2003 (Exhibit B) (25 pages)
- (5) Final Office Action dated March 4, 2004 (Exhibit C) (31 pages)

Please note there was a typographical error in the letter transmitting these documents in that Exhibit C - the Final Office Action was actually dated March 4, 2004, not April 4, 2004 as stated in the transmittal.

This is a formal communication, intended for entry.

Thank you for your assistance.

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April 30, 2004

Mr. Allen MacDonald
Technology Center Director, 2150
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Washington, DC 20231

RE: Inventor: Aragonés et al.
Serial No.: 09/578,095
Filed: May 25, 2000
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PREDICTING TIMING OF FUTURE
SERVICE OF A PRODUCT

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Enclosed are the following documents for the above-identified patent application:

1. A petition to withdraw the finality of an office action under 37 CFR §1.181;
2. An Office Action dated September 25, 2003 (Exhibit A);
3. An Amendment from Applicant dated December 18, 2003 (Exhibit B); and;
4. A Final Office Action dated April 04, 2004 (Exhibit C).

Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner: Thangavala,

Enclosed is a response to my office action dated September 25, 2003 for US Patent Application Serial Number 08/570,092. This is a formal communication intended for entry.

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David Goldman

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